

UPPER PENITENCIA CREEK FLOOD CONTROL
General Investigation

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Upper Penitencia Creek is located in San Jose and Santa Clara County, California. This General Investigation project is intended to reduce flood damages in San Jose and Milpitas. Alternatives under consideration for this 3.6-mile reach include a combination of flood-proofing at the upstream limit, levees, floodwalls and bypass channels.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 5,359,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,852,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,507,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY05:	\$ 2,224,000
FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET:	\$ 628,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 0

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: FY2005 will see definition of environmental impacts, incorporation of environmental costs into alternatives analysis and identification of the plan that best supports the National Economic Development objectives of the project, refinement of and estimates for the Locally Preferred Plan, and preparation for the Alternative Formulation Brief to resolve policy issues. Elements of the Draft Report will be completed and review in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act will start.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The project must maintain anadromous fish passage to upstream spawning areas for threatened Steelhead. The sponsor requested the Corps adopt a Locally Preferred Plan selected in August 2004 in conjunction with environmental stakeholders and the Corps of Engineers; this decision will be made during the remaining process of the Feasibility Study. This project first appeared before Congress as a Natural Resources Conservation Service flood control project ("Upper Penitencia Creek Watershed Project," August 1990), but declining agricultural benefits in this urbanizing area did not allow continued NRCS participation. The local sponsor requested that the US Army Corps of Engineers continue the effort in 1995.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 15th District, Rep. Tom Campbell; 16th District, Rep. Zoe Lofgren.

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